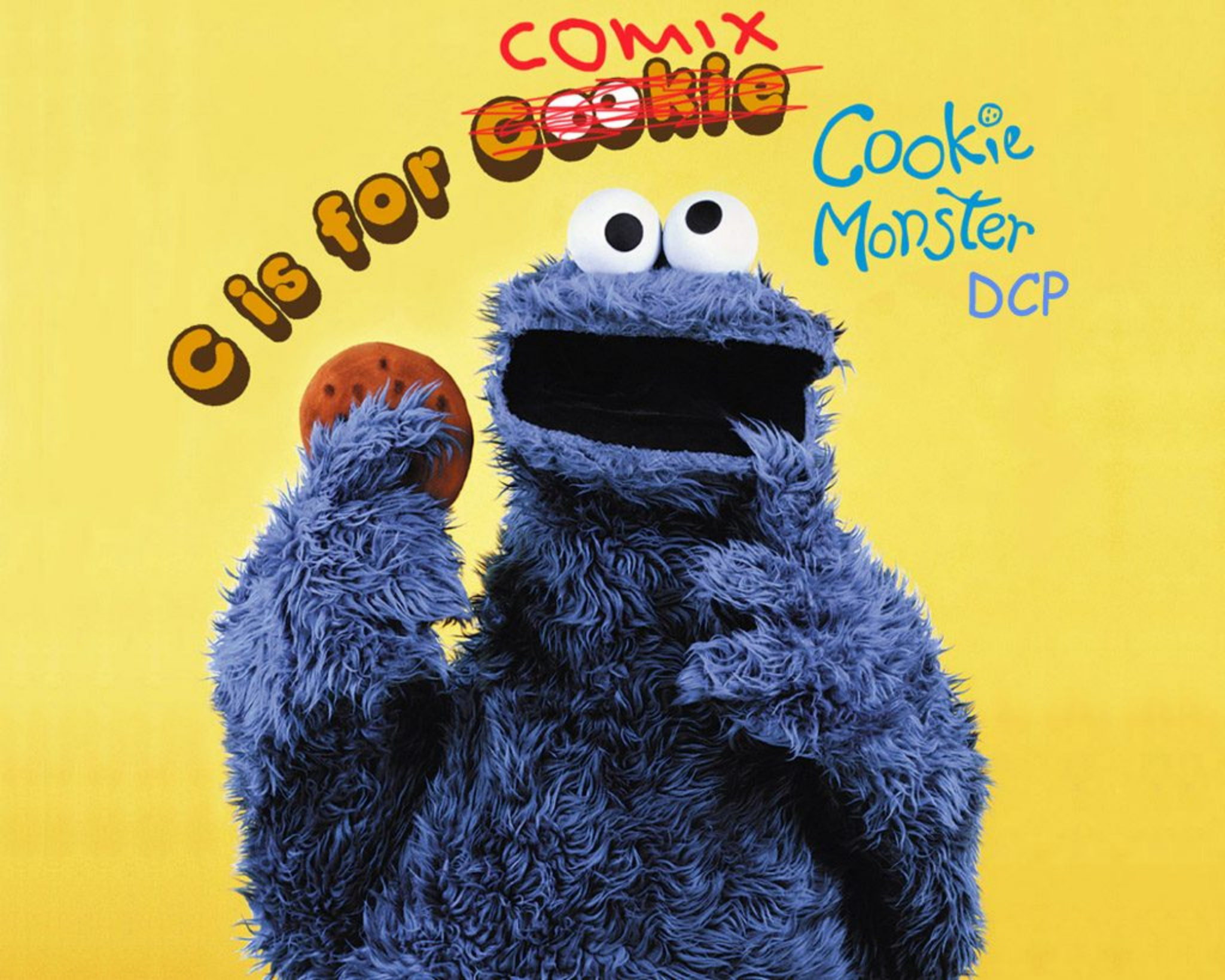
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THIS BRAWL TO END ALL BRAWLS BEGAN WHEN FOUR NOT-SO-SUPER-VILLAINS MADE THE EGREGIOUS ERROR OF PILFERING FROM ONE OF MANHATTAN'S RISING CRIMINAL STARS.

HER NAME IS RICADONNA, PUBLISHER BY DAY, EVIL GENIUS BY NIGHT.

WHAT THESE HAPLESS VILLAINS DIDN'T KNOW IS THAT THEY STOLE A COMPUTER CHIP CONTAINING THE ECHELON VIRUS.

SAID COMPUTER VIRUS IS CAPABLE OF DESTABILIZING THE WORLD ECONOMY, CHEWING THROUGH ANY NATION'S AUTOMATED SECURITY SYSTEMS, ALLOWING TERRORISTS ACCESS TO NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS AND GENERALLY WREAKING UNTOLD HAVOC ON THE WORLD.

NEEDLESS TO SAY A WHOLE BUNCH OF UNPLEASANT PEOPLE WANTED TO GET THEIR GRUBBY LITTLE HANDS ON THAT CHIP.

SO, RICADONNA, BEING THE CRIMINAL MASTERMIND WHO COMMISSIONED THE CHIP TO BE BUILT BY THE MAD THINKER, (A GENTLEMAN WELL-KNOWN FOR BUILDING LIFE-LIKE ROBOTS), DECIDED TO HOLD AN AUCTION.

STANDING IN OPPOSITION TO RICADONNA'S NEFARIOUS PLANS ARE THREE EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE.

THE BUBBLY BUT LETHAL REDHEAD HACKING AND SLASHING HER WAY THROUGH SOME ILL-FATED NINJA IS COLLEEN WING, RAISED AS A SAMURAI IN JAPAN AND IN ALL REGARDS A MASTER OF THE MARTIAL ARTS.

THE GENTLEMAN IN THE YELLOW MASK AND DRAGON TATTOO IS DANNY RAND, AKA IRON FIST. DON'T LET THE GREEN CAPRI PANTS AND SLIPPERS FOOL YOU, HE WIELDS SUPERHUMAN ENERGY DERIVED FROM THE HEART OF THE MYSTIC SERPENT SHOU-LAO AND HIS FIST IS RUTHLESSLY POWERFUL.

THE THREATENING, EROTIC, AND VISUALLY STUNNING WOMAN SPORTING THE AFRO IS MISTY KNIGHT, EX-COP WITH A ROBOTIC RIGHT ARM AND A TALENT FOR KICKING COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF VILLAINOUS BUTT.

AS FOR EVERYONE ELSE IN THE ROOM... THEY'RE PROBABLY WISHING THEY STAYED HOME.

JULIUS, WE'RE PULLING OUT! THE AUCTION IS *OBVIOUSLY* NOT A *SUCCESS.*

GUYS, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN. RICADONNA'S ON THE MOVE!

COMIN' THROUGH!

DAMMIT!

YOU'RE NOT GETTIN' AWAY. NOT THIS TIME, HONEY.

YOU KNOW, I FORGOT HOW MUCH FUN IT IS GOING INTO BATTLE WITH YOU, COLLEEN.

MAYBE YOU SHOULD SIGN UP WITH KNIGHTWING RESTORATIONS. THIS IS JUST A REGULAR DAY FOR US. BUT FOR NOW WE SHOULD...

...EXIT STAGE LEFT.

KEEP MOVING, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.

IT APPEARS YOUR NEMESIS ACQUIRED A NEW PROSTHETIC ARM.

I'M GOING TO HAVE HER KILLED IN A SLOW AND GRUESOME FASHION.

WHERE'S MY CAR?

WHA-CHAAA!

NOT SO FAST, EYO, WE KNUCKIN' AND BUCKIN' AND READY TO FIGHT!

THIS IS *OTIS* FROM THE ISLAND OF *SHAOLIN, BABY,* SO SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER AND SKEET SKEET SKEET.

IS HE ABSTEMIOUS?

JUST SHOOT THE LITTLE MAN.

OTIS CAN'T BE KILLED. BUT DON'T *LOSE SLEEP.* I'M JUST FINNIN TO *SLOW YOU DOWN.*

COME ON, MISTY, WRAP THIS UP SO I CAN GO HOME AND POP SOME SHOTTY'S.

BRADDDADDAAAA!!!

OTIS, I *KNOW* YOU CAN'T BE KILLED, BUT IF YOU DON'T *STOP TALKING LIKE THAT* I'LL HAVE THE *FANTASTIC FOUR* TOSS YOU INTO THE *NEGATIVE ZONE.*

DON'T SWEAT THE TECHNIQUE. I'M JUST CAUGHT UP IN YOUR VAPORS.

HEY, ARE YOU TWO FINISHED?

YES, BUT *WE* AIN'T.

I'VE COMMITTED NO CRIME. THE LAW DOES NOT WANT ME.

YOU DID HACK MY ARM OFF.

SO THIS IS A REVENGE THING?

REVENGE FIRST AND SAVIN' THE WORLD LATER.

I'VE GOT A BRAND-NEW ARM WITH ALL SORTS OF UPGRADES. LIKE ANTIGRAVITY THRUST!

GO PUT THIS SOMEPLACE SAFE.

BUT...

DO AS I SAY!

THIS IS GOING TO BE PAINFUL.

I WAS THINKING THE SAME THING...ONLY IT WILL BE YOU SCREAMING THIS TIME.

THANKS TO ***STARK INDUSTRIES*** MY NEW ARM IS MADE OF DIAMOND INTERLACED WITH ***ANTARCTIC VIBRANIUM.*** EVER HEARD OF IT?

IT EMANATES ***VIBRATIONS,*** WHICH CAUSE THE ATOMIC MOLECULAR BONDS IN METALS TO ***WEAKEN*** AND IN MOST CASES ***LIQUEFY.***

INCLUDING ADAMANTIUM!

SO WE DO THIS HAND-TO-HAND.

HOW'S YOUR PRAYING MANTIS?

NONEXISTENT.

HOW UNFORTUNATE FOR SOMEONE CALLING HERSELF THE DAUGHTER OF THE DRAGON!

GRHAAAA!

WHAT ABOUT SHAOLIN TIGER-STYLE?

NOPE!

SO, *SERIOUSLY*, WHAT'S WITH THE NAME?

YOU'RE THE *LOVECHILD* OF FIN FANG FOOM AND PAM GRIER?

CRACKK

IT JUST *SOUNDS* COOL.

HUNNHHHH!

IS IT TOO MUCH TO HOPE *ONE* OF THOSE RIBS I BROKE *PUNCTURED* A LUNG?

I'M *TOUGHER* THAN I LOOK...

ARE YOU?

CHA-POP

RHAAAA!

OOPS, I DISLOCATED YOUR SHOULDER.

CREAKK

POP!

YOU LOVE TO POSE, DON'T YOU?

IT'S CALLED A STANCE. OF COURSE, YOU WOULDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT, WOULD YOU?

I DON'T LIKE *LEAVING* HER!

SHE'LL BE FINE! THE BOSS IS THE BEST FIGHTER ON THIS ISLAND. THAT CHICK IS DEAD MEAT.

HOLD UP, BOYS! NO ONE LEAVES THE PARTY.

RUN THEM DOWN!

THAT WAS MY OBJECTIVE.

KII-YAAAA!

CHOOOM

PERHAPS I SHOULD BE FIGHTING YOUR *PARTNER*, COLLEEN!

SHE HAS SUCH *PERT* LITTLE...

SHUT YOUR MOUTH!

YOU WANNA FIGHT ME...?

NO, COLLEEN, THIS IS BETWEEN US.

I'LL BE WITH YOU IN A SECOND, CUTIE.

CRNNCH

NO, YOU WON'T.

AIIEEE!!

THIS IS WHERE YOU AND I *CONCLUDE* OUR BATTLE...

...AND I EMERGE *VICTORIOUS.*

HOW'S YOUR *GRAVESEND*, BROOKLYN STYLE?

WHAT *ABOUT* YOUR ONE-HUNDRED-AND-TENTH STREET SLAM?

ARE YOU PRACTICED IN THE *BRONX BOMBER TECHNIQUE?*

DIDN'T THINK SO...

...YOUR STREET FIGHTING SKILLS ARE *QUITE* PATHETIC.

WELL PLAYED, BUT *ULTIMATELY* POINTLESS. YOU HAVE *NOTHING* ON ME.

SEE, THE *THING IS,* I CALLED THE NSA. THEY SEEM TO BELIEVE YOU *QUALIFY* AS A DOMESTIC *TERRORIST.*

I GUESS HANGING OUT WITH THE *WRONG CROWD* AND TRYING TO SELL A COMPUTER VIRUS MAKES THE HOMELAND SECURITY BOYS JUMPY.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT *GUANTANAMO BAY* LOOKS LIKE YEAR 'ROUND?

NORMALLY WE'D BE ABLE TO HELP YOU WITH *BAIL,* BUT I THINK YOU'LL BE DETAINED *INDEFINITELY* WITHOUT A LAWYER.

THAT WAS FAST.

WE HAD THEM ON STANDBY.

HERE'S THE *CHIP* AND THERE'S YOUR *TERRORIST.* OH, AND THERE'S A WHOLE BUNCH OF CRIMINALS TRAPPED IN THE BASEMENT.

GOOD WORK. YOU'VE SERVED YOUR COUNTRY WELL.

SUGAR, THIS HAD *NOTHING* TO DO WITH THE COUNTRY.

YOU HAD TO KNOW *D.O.D.* WAS GONNA WALK U DOWN LIKE *ROSSUM!*

YOU WANT TO GET *FIRED*? I TOLD YOU TO *STOP FRONTIN'*, YOU LITTLE WANKSTA!

SORRY, I WAS JUST *REALLY* INTO THE ROLE...I WAS TRYING TO CHANNEL *SNOOP DOGG* AND FITTY WITH A LITTLE *TOUCH* OF HOTLANTA.

YOU'RE COMING OFF MORE LIKE *POSER MOBILE.*

THAT'S COLD, COLLEEN.

WHO IS THIS GUY?

HE'S ABOUT TO BE OUR *FORMER* RECEPTIONIST.

YOU'RE IRON FIST, RIGHT? I *LOVE* THE COLLAR. IT IS SO *CHOICE.* YOU'VE GOT THE WHOLE YELLOW-ZORRO-MEETS-*SPIDER-MAN* THING GOING ON.

YOU'RE *INDESTRUCTIBLE,* RIGHT?

YES, I AM. WHY DO YOU *ASK...?*

THANK YOU, DANIEL.

MY *PLEASURE.*

YOU GUYS ARE MEAN. OTIS IS *OBVIOUSLY* HAVING AN IDENTITY CRISIS.

TWO DAYS LATER...

WHY ARE WE STANDING ON THE CORNER?

YOU'LL SEE.

YOU SURE YOU GAVE HIM ENOUGH?

ANIMAL TRANQ USUALLY DOES THE JOB FOR THIS BIG FELLA.

TA-DAA! ONE BRAND-NEW CUSTOM ANTIQUE CAR.

YOU DIDN'T?!

YES, I DID. WE MADE A ***KILLING*** OFF OF HYDRA AND A.I.M. FOR POSTING BAIL ON THEIR GUYS. TOO BAD THE HAND JUST ***EXPLODED*** BUT THAT'S THEIR THING.

I WANTED TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU FOR ***TRASHING*** THE OTHER ONE.

WHY DOES THIS DUDE HAVE TO WEAR THAT SUIT ALL THE TIME?

I KNOW, IT STINKS LIKE ROADKILL IN HERE.

HERE YOU GO, MISS WING.

IT'S GORGEOUS.

YOU LIKE CARS A LITTLE TOO MUCH, I THINK.

SOME GIRLS LIKE DIAMONDS. I LIKE G-BOLT V-8 289 HIGH-PERFORMANCE ENGINES WITH CAST-IRON WATER PUMPS.

WHATEVER THAT MEANS.

IT MEANS SHE'S FAST AND STREET LEGAL.

SO LET'S TAKE HER FOR A SPIN. I'LL DRIVE.

HELL NO, YOU'RE NOT DRIVING.

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GIMME THOSE!

VRUUUUMMM

WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

VEEEERRRRRRUUUUMMMMM

CRREEAASSSHH

RGHHAAA!

SO LONG, SUCKERS!

HIIII.

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME!

HE'S GONNA OUTRUN YOU... AGAIN.

DAMMIT, NOT *THIS* TIME!

STAY HERE. CALL THE POLICE. *DO NOT DRIVE MY CAR!*

DÉJÀ VU ALL OVER AGAIN.

LEAVE ME ALONE! GET AWAY FROM ME, YOU CRAZY...

STOP RUNNING, RHINO!

YES, *HELLO*, I'D LIKE TO REPORT A HELICOPTER CRASH, PRISON BREAK AND SUPER-VILLAIN FUGITIVE, PLEASE.

ALL THE SAME GUY. *RHINO*. YES, THAT IS HIS *NAME*, ARE YOU NEW IN TOWN...?

YES, I'LL HOLD.

VRRRRMMMMMM

COLLEEN, DID YOU CALL THE POLICE?

THEY PUT ME ON HOLD SO I HUNG UP.

YOU'RE DRIVING MY CAR, AREN'T YOU? I CAN HEAR THE ENGINE!

BEEP!

OH, I HAVE ANOTHER CALL. MAYBE IT'S THE POLICE. HOLD, PLEASE.

DON'T YOU DARE!

COLLEEN!

END

DAUGHTERS OF THE DRAGON

Hey, Marvel Fans! Welcome to the final issue of the DAUGHTERS OF THE DRAGON Limited Series and congratulations on finding a copy. From what I've been told, Issues 1 and 2 are nearly impossible to find and the rest of the series has been flying off the shelves quicker than a Side Roundhouse Elbow Strike (and those can be pretty fast). I chalk that up to the excellent reviews of the book, along with great word of mouth. So a big thank you to all who've supported this title so far.

Look for more Misty Knight and Colleen Wing in the new ongoing series, HEROES FOR HIRE, by Justin Gray, Jimmy Palmiotti, Billy Tucci and Tom Palmer coming out next month.

In the meantime, writer Justin Gray jumps in to answer a few letters. See you in 30!

Mark Paniccia

Possibly the best issue yet in this series [DOD #5]. Lots of action and great dialogue. Love the montage of Misty suiting up!

Paul Di Filippo

Paul, thanks for the kind words, buddy. DAUGHTERS OF THE DRAGON has been a labor of love for Jimmy and myself. It is a book we were begging to write and when Khari jumped on board with his incredible flair and beautiful women, we knew we had all the pieces in place. Thanks for joining us on the ride and be sure to check out HEROES FOR HIRE!

Any comic that can make me laugh out loud, bite my fingernails, make my head spin, make my heart beat faster in the space of two or three pages AND stick to existing continuity has GOT to be doing something right.

It is great to see Colleen and Misty again. It's been so long, and the Marvel Universe has changed so much. Guys like Iron Man we know will always be around, but there's always the worry that Colleen or Misty or Dominic Fortune or Paladin might get squished the next time Galactus comes a'callin'—I'm glad they're all still kicking.

This limited series has been fantastic so far, but it doesn't quite seem "strong" enough. If it was an arc in an ongoing series it would be perfect. That isn't meant to be a criticism of Gray and Palmiotti—they really are a fantastic duo!—but on the way these things are published. I'm just not a big fan of limited series, I guess.

HEROES FOR HIRE looks to be pretty impressive, and I'm so happy it will start during CIVIL WAR—I just KNOW Misty is going to kick some @$$!

We'll see Iron Man and Captain America spouting ideological garbage that no-one really cares about, and Misty will just pop up and say "Build a bridge and get over it!" Kick. Wallop. Pow. The New Warriors are avenged.

Rumour has it that Paladin will be involved. You guys are two-for-two—first you bring back (sort of) my favourite character of all time, Death's Head, and then my second favourite, Paladin. I hope, however, that we get an explanation as to why he is still alive. With the exception of his AMAZING FANTASY appearance, which did not explain anything, the last time we heard anything about him was when Adrienne Frost told the world he had died, in the pages of GENERATION X.

Keep up the awesome work—it is really cool to see that some creators still care about the less iconic characters in the MU.

Adrian J. Watts
Melbourne, Australia

Adrian, the DAUGHTERS OF THE DRAGON may be limited to six issues, but Misty, Colleen, Humbug and some of the supporting cast live on in HEROES FOR HIRE, so think of this book as a launchpad to their ongoing adventures in the greater landscape of the Marvelous Marvel Universe. As for Paladin, I figure if there isn't a body, then anything goes. Jimmy and I most definitely care about characters like Misty, Colleen and Shang Chi because we see them as valuable members of the pantheon of great Marvel heroes. To illustrate that point we invite you to join us for the ongoing adventures of HEROES FOR HIRE coming this August.

Let's talk about Heroes. There's this great scene in the upcoming HEROES FOR HIRE series where Captain America and Luke Cage (yes, you read that correctly) discuss what being a hero means. Captain America dispenses some valuable advice to one-time petty crook and entomology nut, Humbug.
CAPTAIN AMERICA: Humbug, heroism is not a product of your situation, your opportunities or having super powers. The inconvenient truth is that heroes ALWAYS fulfill their promises.

CAPTAIN AMERICA: If I'm a hero, then it is only because I HONOR my commitments to this country, her ideals and her people.

CAPTAIN AMERICA: All of you need to ask yourselves what you're committed to as a group and individually.

That is what we like to call a defining moment, one where a band of unlikely heroes, men and women without super powers, are given advice from the greatest American super hero ever created. HEROES FOR HIRE are reformed in the shadow of CIVIL WAR, but when they emerge from that war, Captain America's words will echo through their series. It is going to be a strange journey with the same kind of over-the-top fun you've experienced in DAUGHTERS OF THE DRAGON; tons of guest stars, obscure villains and even a few new ones thrown into the mix. We hope you'll take the ride with us, have a few laughs and experience superHEROIC moments!

-Justin Gray

NEXT:

MISTY AND COLLEEN RETURN WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THEIR FRIENDS IN ***HEROES FOR HIRE #1.***

BUT WHAT SIDE OF THE ***CIVIL WAR*** WILL THEY BE ON?

ON SALE AUGUST!

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